# Wilder Exchange

# **SEPTEMBER OCTOBER** 2012

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# CITY SERVICE REFERENCE NUMBERS



CITY BUILDING

POLICE DEPT.

581-8863

FIRE DEPT.

431-5884

**MAINTENANCE** 

581-9515

CSI

513-771-4200

**NORTHERN KY** 

WATER DISTRICT 578-9898

**SANITATION** DISTRICT

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

City Council Meetings - 1st & 3rd Monday of Every Month at 7:00 PM City Council Meetings can be viewed on Insight Channel 16. Wilder Planning & Zoning - 4th Monday (as needed) at 7:00 PM Senior Citizens Meeting - 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM Wilder Vol.Fire Dept Drill - 1st,3rd,4th Monday of the month at 7:30 PM Wilder Vol.Fire Dept Bus. Mtg - 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30 PM Wilder Vol.Fire Ladies Aux. - 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 PM

# SPECIAL DATES

October 5th,6th,7th - Citywide Yard sale October 31, 2012—Halloween 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

November 16, 2012—Turkey Raffle November 22nd & 23rd—City Building Closed

# PLEASE KEEP OUR MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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# FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

I would like to take this opportunity to update everyone on a few things going on in the city.

# NEW POLICE CHIEF:

I am proud to announce that Lt. Andy Williams has been named Police Chief effective September 1. Andy began his career in law enforcement with Wilder in 1992. He worked briefly with Southgate and Cold Spring before returning to Wilder in 1998. He has been a Lieutenant for 4 years. We are confident that Andy will do an excellent job and hope you will share with me in congratulating him.

# PROPERTY TAXES:

Property tax bills are out and due by November 30, 2012. I am pleased to report that we have not had to raise taxes again this year. The tax rate has not been raise in over six years and two years age, the city actually lowered the tax rate. Wilder's 2012 tax rate will remain \$2.00 per \$1,000 valuation. Wilder still maintains the lowest combined property tax rate in Campbell County. In addition, the city has negotiated a new waste contract and reduced the waste fee by \$45.00 per year. As a result, many, property tax bills will actually be lower than last year and for those who do not receive curb side waste collection the tax bill should remain the same.

# **BUSINESS COMMUNITY:**

The business community in Wilder appears to remain strong. A few businesses have actually expanded during the past year while a few new businesses have located in Wilder. We are certainly proud of our business community wish them continued success during these tough economic times.

## STREET REPAIRS:

Street repairs are underway in many areas of the city. Much of this work should be completed within the next month. We appreciate everyone putting up with the inconvenience during construction. If your street was not repaired/replaced our public works department will continue to perform maintenance and monitor the condition for possible future repairs.

I would like to compliment the fire and police departments on an outstanding showing at the flag raising and bluegrass festival. The maintenance department continues to do an outstanding job maintaining city properties and streets.

# ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

12-0801 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHAPTER 72 SECTION 72.2 OF THE WILDER MUNICIPAL CODE SETTING SPEED LIMITS ABD ESTABLISHING PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND STOP SIGN LOCATIONS FOR CERTAIN CITY MAINTAINED STREETS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF WILDER.

12-0802 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR OF 2012 AND SETTING THE WASTE COLLECTION/RECYCLING RATE FOR THE 2013 ON ALL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF WILDER, KY, LEVYING AND AD VALOREM TAX RATE ON MOTOR VEHICLES FOR 2012 IN THE CITY OF WILDER, KY, ESTABLISHING THE RATED THEREFORE AND ADOPTING THE CAMPBELL COUNTY TAX COMMISSIONER'S ASSESSMENT ON SAID PROPERTY AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX LIEN AGAINST ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY TO SECURE THE PAYMENT OF SAID TAXES.

12-901 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ROBERT ANDREW WILLIAMS TO THE POSITION OF POLICE CHIEF FOR THE CITY OF WILDER, KY.

# City of Wilder Police Department

520 LICKING PIKE • WILDER, KENTUCKY 41071 • PHONE (859) 581 8863 • FAX (859) 581 9513

# A Message from the Chief of Police

First, I would like to convey my sincere appreciation to the mayor and council for allowing me to serve in such a capacity and I consider it an honor to lead this agency to provide the public service and safety for our citizens and businesses.

For those of you who do not know me, I was born and raised in our wonderful city and currently reside here today. I started my law enforcement career in Wilder, in 1992 and then worked for the cities of Southgate and Cold Spring before returning to Wilder in 1998.

My main goal as chief is to maintain a professional yet courteous and considerate agency, whereas the citizens come first and provide the service you deserve. There will always be an open door policy, within the department and I encourage anyone in need of assistance to call on us, night or day. It has been my experience, that many people are hesitant in calling police because they feel like they are bothering us or the issue is petty. I assure you, if we can assist, we will and if not, we will point you in the direction needed to provide a positive outcome.

Additionally, we are currently updating our section of the city's website (CityofWilder.com) and we have recently started a Facebook page. Check in often to stay up to date with what's happening, within our agency and feel free to post comments or suggestions on how we can better serve this great city.

Again, it is an honor to serve as chief and call on us any time.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

R. Andrew Williams

Chief, Wilder Police Department



FOUND CAT

We (and our neighbors) have been taking care of a lost cat. She is white and grey, with large green eyes. If you have lost your kitty and think she might be yours, please call (859) 441-1413 and ask for Monica.

# **FLU SHOTS**

No appointments

No hassles. No excuses.

# **Good Health Pharmacy**

100 Crossing Drive

FREE if you have Medicare

Wilder, KY, 41076

\$25.00 Cash (\$20.00 with ad)

859 442-0900

We bill insurance (if covered)

Mon-Fri 9-7, Sat 9-4

Available September 13th



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For more information, like us:

JeffWagenlanderTexasHoldEm

# CITYWIDE

# October 5th,6th,and 7th

This is an annual event to assist citizens in making money on items that would be discarded. No license is needed and all fees on this annual event are waived.

Kentucky Charitable Gaming #ORG0000096

Contact the city building if you wish to be placed on a participation list which will be displayed at the city building and firehouse. An ad will be placed in the newspaper indicating the participating streets, provided we are notified on Monday by noon, October 1st.

# FIRE DEPARTMENT PHONE BOOK

Every few years the Wilder Fire Department puts together a small phone directory of Wilder businesses and residents. It's difficult these days to keep up with the ever changing phone number situation as many have given up their land lines and gone to cell phones. This is where WE NEED YOUR HELP!

There are two ways to help. First is to contact the city building with your updated information. We have provided several ways for you to contact us. Here is what we need:

Name:	
Address:	
Home or	
Cell phone:	

If we do not hear from you we cannot put your updated information in the new phone directory. Your old information may still be listed. If you would not like your information listed in the new directory please contact us. You can contact us by email <a href="mailto:phonedirectory@cityofwilder.com">phonedirectory@cityofwilder.com</a> you can call the city building at 859-581-8884 or you stop by the city building and drop off the updated information.

The second way to help make this phone directory successful is by taking out a sponsor ad. Please contact either fire station if you are interested in placing an ad. North station 859-431-1440 or south station 859-431-5884. There are several options and costs for sponsors

Sponsor	\$300	Full Page	\$100
Quarter Page	\$50	Half Page	\$75

These ads can be used to advertise your business, offer congratulations or best wishes on an accomplishment or in memory of someone. All proceeds from these donations go to the Wilder Fire Department.

# WILDER FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL TURKEY RAFFLE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2012

5:30 P.M.

Wilder Municipal Building
520 Licking Pike

The firemen will be going door to door distributing raffle tickets for the annual Turkey Raffle.

Your donation is greatly appreciated.

Citizens of Wilder,

My name is **Brack Herald Jr.** and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve in the position of city councilmember for the past 7 years. This November 6<sup>th</sup> I would like to ask for your vote once again.

The last 7 years I have been fortunate enough to be a part of a time of great growth and opportunity for the city of Wilder.

Some of my proudest accomplishments include:

- Lowering the property tax and personal property tax rates; saving our businesses thousands of dollars and providing our residents with the lowest combined property tax rate in Campbell County
- Renegotiating of the waste removal service; saving each household nearly 25%
- Refinancing the remaining city building debt; saving the city approximately \$1.8 million over the next 5 – 10 years and paying off the remaining debt 14 years early
- Street and infrastructure improvements totaling more than \$2 million
- Purchase of the south fire station and a new maintenance building; improving city facilities
- Purchase of 9 new police vehicles; completely replacing the entire fleet of police vehicles

These decisions, along with the help of Mayor Stanley Turner, City Manager Terry Vance, fellow councilmembers and all departments of the city, have positioned the city well for the future and according to Cincinnati Magazine have placed Wilder among the top 20 "Best Suburban Cities to Live In Cincinnati".

Finally, I respectfully ask for your vote on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Please vote for *Brack Herald Jr.* 

Brack Herald Jr.

# Re-elect Robert Blankenship Wilder City Council

Hello Everyone,

September 2012

I'm Robert (Bob) Blankenship and I'm about to complete my tenth year on Council for the City of Wilder. Many of you may already know me, but for those who don't, here is some background.

My wife Joan and I have lived on Langview Drive since we moved here in December 1971. Prior to our street's annexation by Wilder, I served on the Johns' Hill Road and Langview Drive civic associations. Our children, Matt and Jill, grew up here. Both are college graduates and married with families of their own. While working full-time, I went to night school and earned a degree from NKU. My work has been in Information Systems where I managed two different company's large-scale data center operations. In 2007 I took early-retirement from Convergys. Now I also volunteer 1-2 days/week at St Joseph Church and School in Cold Spring.



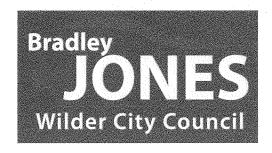
For the past ten years I have really enjoyed being a councilman for the city. I enjoy looking after the needs of our citizens and ensuring we provide top-quality services for our residents. Wilder is a vibrant city and we are continuing to grow. Our city tax rate is one of the lowest in the area, plus we don't have to pay an extra tax to fund fire/EMT services like some of our neighboring cities do. We have also reduced our garbage collection rate.

My goals for the upcoming term are to:

- Listen to resident's concerns and offer to assist with suggestions or bring their concerns to City Council's attention.
- Make our city's website more robust. We have made changes during the past 2 years, but more needs to be done.
- Be a diligent representative for those that use Johns' Hill Rd. I am concerned about the road's condition and safety and will continue to report problems.
- Work on a plan to upgrade the facilities at Frederick's Landing.

I believe my involvement in the city, working relationship with the administrative staff, mayor and other council members, and past job experience will allow me to contribute to the continued success of Wilder and its City Council.

I want to continue serving the needs for Wilder's residents and would appreciate your vote on Tuesday November 6. Thank you.



I would like to introduce myself to you, my name is Bradley Jones and I'm working to earn your vote this November for Wilder City Council. I am proud resident seeking to further contribute to our community by serving on city council.

Before moving to Wilder I lived in Wilmington, OH. Growing-up my dad worked for over 20 years at Airborne Express/DHL. My mom raised my three brothers and me, teaching us valuable life lessons. I contribute my strong work ethic and integrity to having them as role models.

Wilmington is where I grew up but, I call Wilder my home. Living in Wilder provides my wife, Kelly, and me with an excellent quality of life. We were able to work our way through college while attending Northern Kentucky University, where I graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science. Kelly now works as the Director of Sponsorship at the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and I work in the wireless industry leading a team of professionals across five states.

I am running for Wilder City Council because Wilder is a wonderful place to call home and we all want to keep it that way. Due to the hard work of people like the mayor and other past members of city council Wilder has been able to take advantage of resources such as an excellent fire, police, and public works departments along with many other community activities that we all know and love. All of this continues to be done with one of lowest tax rates in the Northern Kentucky Region. This is exactly the kind of team that I want to be a part of and serve our community by ensuring that Wilder continues down the path of prosperity and responsibility.

On election day, November 6th, 2012, I am asking for your support and your vote. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at 859.907.3636 or bhiones28@gmail.com

Kindest regards,

Bradley H. Jones

# RE-ELECT

# **MONICA GEARDING**

# WILDER CITY COUNCIL

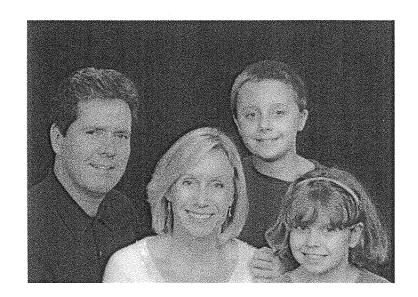
It has been my privilege to serve on Council for the City of Wilder during the past eight years. As a parent and home owner, I understand the needs of a resident. As an attorney primarily practicing in commercial and residential real estate and development, I understand the needs of businesses and a growing city. I believe my background and experience brings a balanced perspective to City Council which, for the past eight years, has supported and, if re-elected, will continue to support the success of Wilder.

Thoughtful planning has allowed the City of Wilder to bring in new, and expand existing, businesses without compromising its residential feel and value. For the past few years, Cinci Magazine has rated Wilder within the top 20 communities in the Greater Cincinnati area. There is good reason for that. Wilder has one of the lowest tax rates in the Northern Kentucky area and we have been able to lower taxes in the last four years without sacrificing Wilder's excellent police, fire, maintenance, snow removal and other services. In addition, Wilder is now in a position to be able to enhance its existing amenities, such as Frederick's Landing, offering even more to its residents.

Wilder is a wonderful City in which to live. I hope that I am re-elected so that I may continue to serve Wilder for another term.

# Michael J. Dinn

"It would be my privilege to continue representing your interests on our Wilder City Council. I have made Wilder home to my growing family and headquarters for my real estate consulting business. My family and I have a great investment in Wilder and we will continue to serve this community with the best of our time and resources."



# **EXPERIENCE**

- Nearly two years on the Wilder Planning Commission
- ♦ Three terms as Wilder City Councilman, incumbent
- Worked alongside dozens of Planning Boards and City Councils
- ♦ Active in community design, improvement and development

# **MANAGEMENT**

- ♦ Twelve-year Naval Officer, served in Western Pacific and Persian Gulf
- Engineering professor at University of Washington in Seattle
- Residential real estate Project Manager specializing in development

# **MY FAMILY**

- Wife Frances is active in abused women and children's safety issues, past member of the Ladies Auxiliary
- ♦ Son David Ronald, 15, and daughter Laura Elizabeth, 12

# **PROFESSIONAL**

- Business owner in Wilder specializing in real estate marketing
- Serve clients in community development locally and nationally
- ♦ Entrepreneur with select real estate, finance and design associates

# **EDUCATION**

- ♦ BS, Engineering from the U. S. Naval Academy, 1978
- ♦ MBA, Finance from the University of Washington (Seattle) 1986

# **BALLOT**

County Clerk has me <u>last</u> on the ballot, so please start voting for me <u>first</u> and support my reelection!



Hi, my name is Robert Honaker and I am running for City Council. I have been a resident of the city of Wilder for 24 years. Nineteen of those years, I spent on the Wilder Fire Department. I started as a cadet and worked my way up to Assistant Fire Chief. During that period, I also served 6 years as President.

I am married, have 2 children, 2 stepchildren and 3 grandchildren. I am currently employed by the Southwestern Ohio Regional Transit Authority/ METRO. My current position is Facilities and Grounds Supervisor. If elected to the Wilder City Council, I believe I could bring about positive change that would benefit the citizens of Wilder. I would appreciate your vote on November 6. Thank you.

# Robert "Bob" Arnold Candidate for City Council

Residents of Wilder:

I am respectfully asking for your vote to serve as a member of our City Council.



Since 1994, I have been a resident at 43 Wesley Drive where I live with my wife, Wendy, and our daughters. I also maintain a law office in the white farmhouse on Licking Pike next to the Super Value (formerly the Ameristop).

After graduating from Newport Catholic High School in 1979, I earned a Bachelor's degree from UK and an MBA from Xavier University. After 6 years of professional experience, I attended and earned a Law Degree from Chase College of Law (NKU). My professional and educational background I believe will make me an effective member of our City Council to help move our City forward in a positive way.

I believe decisions by government leaders should be accomplished through consensus building not by just a few individuals. I believe the role of a government leader is to listen and professionally communicate with residents. Most importantly, I believe the role of government is to serve its citizens and not the other way around.

If elected to our City Council, I pledge to work for the following:

- © Enhanced personal and professional communication with ALL residents.
- © GREATLY upgrade the use of the city website, technology, and email system.
- © Improved transparency of the city budget, financial records, and decision making.
- © Make better use of City resources and investment in community programs of interest to ALL residents.
- © Provide a much needed active voice on county, regional, and state issues affecting Wilder residents, especially new construction and road projects (including John's Hill Road).
- © Stay informed on issues affecting the City and come prepared to council meetings.

I will be walking through your neighborhood within the next several weeks. I look forward to talking with you about how we can continue to make Wilder a great place to live and raise a family. Feel free to call me any time at 859-802-7407 or email me a <a href="mailto:bob.arnold@fuse.net">bob.arnold@fuse.net</a> with your concerns. Thanks for your consideration.

Robert Arnold